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NEW ORLEANS (UPI)--CLAY SHAW, THE MAN ARRESTED BY DIST. ATTY. JIM GARRISON IN CONNECTION WITH GARRISON'S INVESTIGATION INTO THE KENNEDY ASSASSINATION, WAS DESCRIBED BY A FORMER ASSOCIATE WEDNESDAY AS AN ADMIRER OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY.

JESSE CORE, NOW HEAD OF A NEW ORLEANS PUBLIC RELATIONS FIRM, SAID SHAW WAS A "POLITICAL LIBERAL VERY ADMIRING OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY."

CORE, WHO WORKED WITH SHAW AT THE NEW ORLEANS INTERNATIONAL TRADE MART IN 1963, SAID SHAW "TALKED OF VOTING FOR KENNEDY AND WORE A KENNEDY FOR PRESIDENT BUTTON OF SOME KIND."

CORE SAID SHAW WAS MAJOR IN WORLD WAR II, RISING FROM THE RANK OF PRIVATE IN THREE YEARS. HE WAS AWARDED THE LGEON OF MERIT AND THE FRENCH CROIX DE GUERRE.

SHAW BECAME MANAGER OF THE TRADE MART IN 1949. CORE SAID SHAW LEFT A YEAR OR SO AGO AND HE DID NOT KNOW WHAT HE WAS DOING NOW ALTHOUGH HE THOUGHT HE WAS IN THE PROCESS OF TRANSLATING A SPANISH PLAY INTO ENGLISH. CORE SAID SHAW WAS ALSO A GOOD WRITER.

SHAW HAD WORKED AT THE TRADE MART SINCE THE WAR. HE WAS ELEVATED TO MANAGING DIRECTOR IN 1949.

SHAW SERVED IN THAT CAPACITY UNDER THE FIRST THREE PRESIDENTS OF THE TRADE MART. UNDER WILLIAM ZETZMANN, THE SECOND PRESIDENT, SHAW HELPED DRAW UP THE PLANS FOR A NEW TRADE MART BUILDING, AN IMPRESSIVE STRUCTURE ON THE BANKS OF THE MISSISSIPPI.

CORE SAID SHAW WAS A LEADER IN THE RENOVATION OF OLD HOUSES IN NEW ORLEANS' HISTORIC FRENCH QUARTER.

CORE SAID AS FAR AS HE KNEW SHAW HAD NEVER BEEN MARRIED.

THERE WERE REPORTS SHAW HAD SEEN LEE HARVEY OSWALD DISTRIBUTING FAIR PLAY FOR CUBA PAMPHLETS IN 1963 IN FRONT OF THE TRADE MART, BUT CORE SAID HE DID NOT THINK THIS WAS TRUE.

CORE SAID ANOTHER GROUP HAD PICKETED NEW ORLEANS' INTERNATIONAL HOUSE AND ALSO THE TRADE MART WITH PLACARDS READING "GET OUT OF THE U. N."

"THEY APPARENTLY THOUGHT THE BUILDINGS HAD SOMETHING TO DO WITH THE UNITED NATIONS," CORE SAID.

"I RECALL SENDING SHAW A MEMO TELLING HIM ABOUT OSWALD AND THE OTHER PICKETS," CORE SAID. "BUT I DON'T THINK SHAW WAS AWARE OF THE FACT."

CORE SAID IT WAS ONLY SPECULATION ON HIS PART BUT HE THOUGHT OSWALD CHOSE TO DISTRIBUTE THE LEAFLETS IN FRONT OF THE TRADE MART BUILDING BECAUSE THE CUBAN FLAG WAS FLOWN AT HALF MAST THERE FOR CUBAN EXILES WHO DIED IN THE BAY OF PIGS INVASION.

CORE SAID SINCE THE WAR SHAW HAD BEEN MADE A CHEVALIER OF THE ORDER OF LEOPOLD BY THE KING OF BELGIUM AND HAD RECEIVED AN AWARD FROM THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT FOR HIS ROLE AS MANAGING DIRECTOR OF THE TRADE MART.

CORE SAID HE KNEW OF NO GROUPS OR ORGANIZATIONS SHAW WAS CONNECTED WITH. "I DON'T THINK HE WAS THAT KIND OF MAN," HE SAID.

"CLAY SHAW IS THE LAST PERSON ON EARTH I WOULD EXPECT TO BE ARRESTED, AND I DON'T BELIEVE IT," CORE ADDED.

CORE SAID HE ONCE ASKED SHAW IF HE WANTED TO BORROW HIS PISTOL AFTER A BURGLAR HAD BROKEN INTO SHAW'S HOUSE. CORE SAID SHAW TOLD HIM "I WOULDN'T HAVE A GUN IN MY HOUSE."

CORE SAID SHAW HAD VISITED MEXICO AND SPAIN AFTER LEAVING THE TRADE MART. "HE HAD FRIENDS ALL OVER THE WORLD," CORE SAID.

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